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 AMEMBASSY TOKYO
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NSC FOR JOANNA WALLACE AND TOM SHANNON
USCINCSO FOR POLAD
FBI FOR [REDACTED]

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/27/2013
TAGS: PTER, KJUS, PGOV, PHUM, AR
SUBJECT: 1994 AMIA TERRORIST ATTACK DEVELOPMENTS

REF: A. BRUSSELS 4141
B. 02 BUENOS AIRES 3904
C. BUENOS AIRES 775
D. BUENOS AIRES 823
E. BUENOS AIRES 2242

CLASSIFIED BY: CDA M DRUCKER FOR REASONS 1.5(B) AND (D).

1. (C) SUMMARY: THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REACTED IN A VERY RESTRAINED WAY TO IRANIAN THREATS OF "STRONG MEASURES" OVER THE AUGUST 21 DETENTION IN BRITAIN OF FORMER IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA HADI SOLEIMANPOUR.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMIA VICTIMS AND FAMILIES, ENCOURAGED BY THE NEW GOA'S COMMITMENT TO THE INVESTIGATION, ARE FOR THE FIRST TIME WORKING TOGETHER CLOSELY WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THE GOVERNMENT BUT ONLY ON THE "LOCAL CONNECTION."

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2. (U) THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REACTED IN A VERY MEASURED WAY TO IRANIAN THREATS OF "STRONG MEASURES" TO THE AUGUST 21 ARREST IN BRITAIN OF FORMER IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA HADI SOLEIMANPOUR. THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT LATE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, NOTING: THE

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A) THE JUDICIAL NATURE OF THE AMIA CASE. LIKEWISE, IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO PUT THE BRAKES ON (FRENAR) ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." THE STATEMENT ALSO SAID THE GOA WAS DETERMINED THAT THE AMIA ATTACK BE RAPIDLY AND TOTALLY CLARIFIED AND SAID THAT THE GOA TOOK FOR GRANTED THAT THE IRANIAN NATION WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE ARGENTINE JUDICIAL REQUEST IN EVERYTHING THAT MIGHT HELP AND WAS WITHIN ITS REACH TO ACHIEVE THOSE OBJECTIVES. FOREIGN MINISTER RAFAEL BIELSA HIMSELF WROTE AN ARTICLE IN A BUSINESS DAILY ON AUGUST 27 TO EXPLAIN WHY HE REJECTED THE NOTION OF CUTTING OFF RELATIONS WITH IRAN, AS REQUESTED BY THE DAIA, THE POLITICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, BIELSA TOLD THE DAIA LEADERSHIP THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING "THE APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC MEASURES" TO ACCOMPANY THE ARGENTINE JUSTICE BRANCH'S REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF AN IRANIAN CITIZEN FOR A CRIME THAT WAS COMMITTED IN ARGENTINA. (NOTE: AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, SOLEIMANPOUR WAS PROVISIONALLY DETAINED IN BRITAIN ON THE BASIS OF JUDGE GALEANO'S DOMESTIC ARREST WARRANT, WHICH WAS REQUESTED THROUGH INTERPOL. THE BRITISH COURT MUST NOW DECIDE FIRST AS TO WHETHER TO PERMIT SOLEIMANPOUR'S RELEASE FROM JAIL WHILE THE COURT'S EXAMINE THE DETENTION REQUEST AND FOLLOW UP DOCUMENTATION SUBSTANTIATING THE CHARGES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT THE EXTRADITION.)

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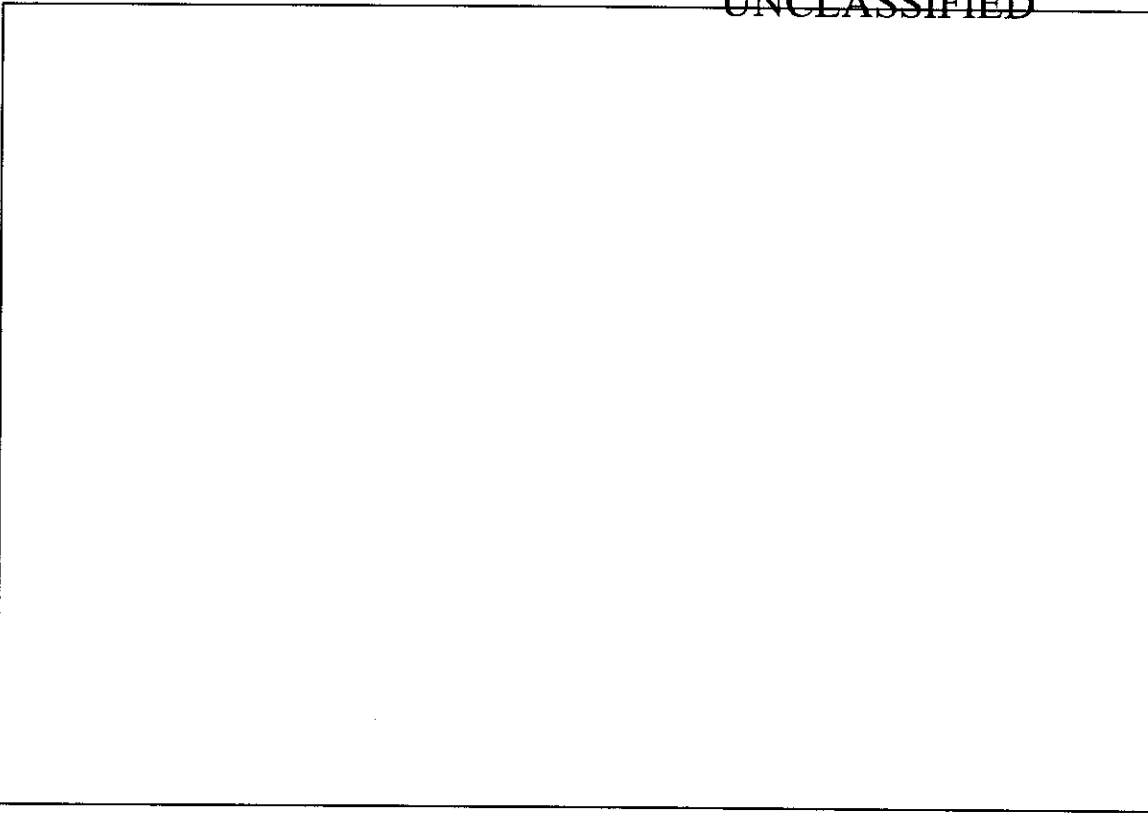
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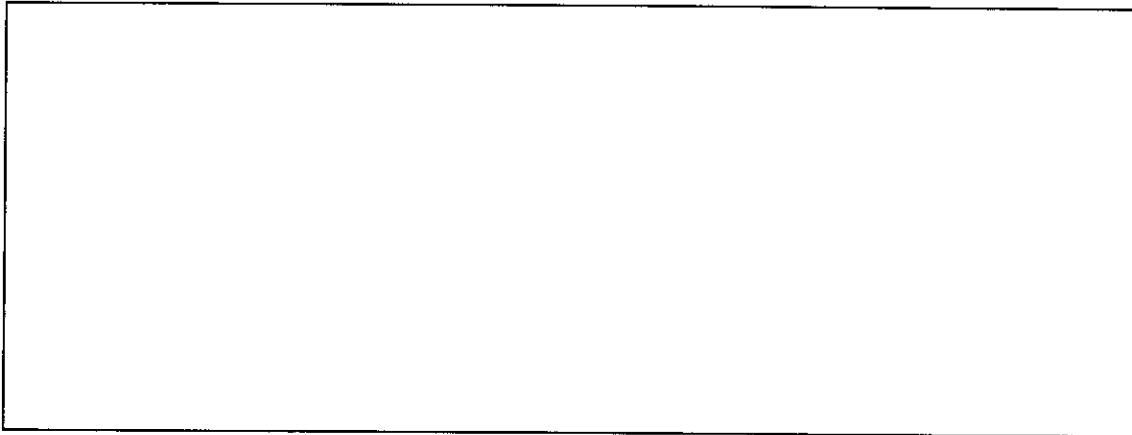
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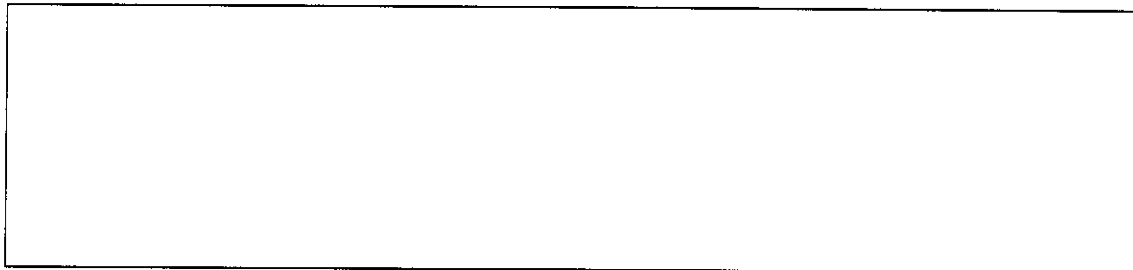
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